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1. ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS WOUND UP A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE AND FLEW HOME CARRYING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL BY THEIR CHIEFS OF STATE. INTENSE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS HAD DELAYED THE OPENING OF THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION BY OVER THREE HOURS. THE SESSION LASTED 75 MINUTES. THE CONFERENCE THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN IT WILL RECONVENE IN CAIRO JANUARY 15 TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS REVIEWED BY THE CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. SAUDI FONMIN SAUD BIN FAISAL AFTERWARDS ANSWERED PRESS
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QUESTIONS, DENYING THAT INCREASES OR CUTS IN AID LEVELS APPROVED BY THE RABAT SUMMIT WERE DISCUSSED. HE ALSO DENIED THAT THE ADDITION OF OTHER ARAB STATES TO THE LIST OF SUPPORTING COUNTRIES CAME UNDER REVIEW DURING THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. COMMENT: FAHMY'S EARLY DEPARTURE GAVE THE SECOND SESSION OF THE MEETING A SOMEWHAT TRUNCATED AIR AND THE INDECISIVE

NATURE OF THE CONCLUDING STATEMENTS WAS CONSEQUENTLY NOT A SURPRISE. THE SAUDIS (WHO ARE SENSITIVE TO SLIGHTS ESPECIALLY WHERE THEEGYPTIANS ARE CONCERNED) APPARENTLY KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT FAHMY WOULD BE LEAVING EARLY, ACCEPTED THE EXCUSE OF MEETING THE FINNISH AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AS ADEQUATE, AND SEEMED TO BEAR NO RESENTMENT.
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